

AUGUST 26, 2018

THE CHAPEL CHRONICLES

OUR PURPOSE:

To exalt the Savior, evangelize the sinner,
edify and unify the saints, equipping them for ministry and service.



Kindergarten ~ 6th grade

Are you planning on being involved in AWANA this year?

Registration forms are available at the Information Center!

AWANA begins Wednesday, September 12 at 6:15! Register TODAY!

It's time to register for UPWARD!

Kindergarten ~ 7th Grade



\$80 early registration until Friday, September 28.

Registration after Friday, September 28 is \$160 with a **FINAL registration DEADLINE of Friday, October 5 of \$160.**

Evaluations:

Friday, Oct. 12 5 P.M. ~ 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 13 9 A.M. ~ Noon

Monday, Oct. 15 5 P.M. ~ 7:30 P.M.

2018 FALL Witness Challenge

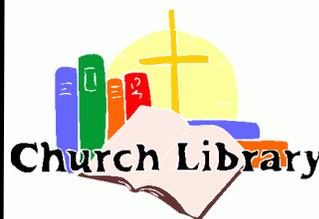
Bro. Todd challenged us all during the morning service, Sunday, August 5, to a **Fall 1500 Witness Challenge**. If you missed it, here's the gist of the challenge. If one hundred fifty church members witness to ten people during the fall, that would mean that 1,500 people have been reached with the Gospel. A **Fall 1500 Witness Challenge Sheet** will be located in the Sunday School Records' books for you to sign and record the number of people you witnessed to for the week. That sheet will help us keep up with totals. We look forward to all the exciting encounters of sharing the Gospel the Lord has in store for our church, the community, our friends, and families! Sign up at the Information Center!

Pocket helps are available as well.

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19 ESV

How will you respond to the challenge?



Librarians are needed for Sunday nights.

Please contact Carol Ross at 870-879-0061

if you would like to volunteer!

We are now accepting donations of good, gently used Christian books and DVDs no more than three years old.



The church office will be closed Monday, September 3.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Watson Chapel,

"Untended fires soon die and become just a pile of ashes."

On Sunday evening we have begun studying the lives of the kings of Judah. The nation of Israel split after the reign of Solomon and the southern kingdom carried on the line of David. The study of King Asa in 2 Chronicles 14-16 is a convicting story of the Lord's great blessing and the Lord's severe discipline. Asa always begins inside the "my top five kings of Israel" but by the close of his life, he comes under the discipline of God and he falls from consideration as one of the better kings of the southern kingdom. If you ever built a fire you know you have to really stay involved with a fire to maintain it or it naturally burns out. Maintaining the fires of God within the soul requires constant attention. We need to discard the notion that there is some spiritual experience we can have that will carry us for the rest of our lives. The minute we stop feeding our inner fire with God, it begins to die out and we face the danger of forsaking God. The fire is stoked by the lifelong "seeking of the Lord." The idea of seeking becomes a central component of the Asa narrative.

(14:4, 7; 15:2, 4, 12, 13, 15; 16:12). The main theme is captured by a prophet who comes to Asa with this word in 15:2, **"and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you."** The chapters bear out this verse almost perfectly. Chapters 14 and 15 depict early Asa who seeks the Lord by familiarity with God's Word (14:4), putting distance between himself and evil (14:5, 15:8, 16), purposing to seek the Lord (14:7), ultimate hope in God, not man (14:11), and taking the worship of God seriously (15). Judah fought a war from this position of blessing and met with the Lord's help and favor. The classic verse from 2 Chronicles applied directly to Asa's life and the nation's health. 2 Ch. 16:9a ESV **For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him....** Sadly the second part of that verse applied to Asa also... 16b **...You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.** Asa moved from trusting in the Lord to trusting in man. Baasha, King of the northern tribes, came and fortified Ramah, a town north of Jerusalem. Asa's plan to handle this threat was to strip the Temple and his own house of all the gold and silver, and bribe Benhadad of Syria to attack Baasha's northern cities. The *plan worked* and Asa was able to dismantle Baasha's fortification at Ramah. But something about this plan involved a **FORSAKING THE LORD.**

Hope and dependence upon man is a forsaking of the Lord. Asa contracts a foot disease and goes to the doctors and not the Lord for help. Jer 17:5 says, **Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.** Asa allied himself with the wicked kingdom of Syria (see Psalm 1:1, Prov. 1:15, 4:14, 1 Cor. 5:9, 2 Cor. 6:14.) And when he was warned he hardened himself against God's servants and God's truth. The result is peace is lost (16:9b **... for from now on you will have wars.**) And the Lord's strong support evaporates. When a believer continues in sin (and I think Asa was a believer) and refuses God's means of correction, God will discipline that follower (see also 1 Cor. 11:30 and Heb. 12:6). That individual may be removed from this earth prematurely. Sometimes God is severe in order to vindicate His holiness and to impress on us how serious sin is.

Never grow sloppy in your pursuit of the Lord: stay in the Word (applying it too!), gather for worship regularly, depend ultimately on the Lord, and put some space between you and evil.

Seeking the Lord Together, Bro. Todd

What's Happening



August

AUGUST 25

AWANA TRAINING

AUGUST 29

MEDIA/PURITY CLASSES



September

SEPTEMBER 3 LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 12

AWANA STARTS

SEPTEMBER 26

SAW YOU AT THE POLE

YOUTH RALLY



October

OCTOBER 6

YOUTH RAY DAY

OCTOBER 11

HOPE BANQUET

OCTOBER 12, 13, 15

UPWARD EVALUATIONS

OCTOBER 13

LEFAVRE CONCERT

WHITE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER

OCTOBER 14

LEFAVRE CONCERT

WCBC

OCTOBER 31

FALL FESTIVAL

dates to Remember

NEXT DEACONS' MEETING
Sunday, October 14, 2018

DEACON: AUGUST 26

Mark Smith
692-0559

ALTERNATE:

John Hagan
879-3797



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Charlene Hendrix
9:00-9:30 A.M.
10:30-10:45 A.M.
Ann Parker
6:00-6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Kay Garrison

Youth Choir

Youth Choir will pick back up
September 9!
"Singing" you then!

thank you FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THE

BONUS TEACHING HOUR

AUGUST 19, 2018:

Cindy Cook
Tracie Rittenhouse
Shannon Lester
Pam Holcomb
Jerry & Kris Durham
Mishelle Sutton
Amanda Robinson
Stephanie Rodgers
Crystal Edwards
Charlene Hendrix



Children's Ministry with Anna Sparks



It's time for AWANA to start again!! Registration is going on now and I know you know a child you need to invite. So call, text, or email that parent this week and fill them in on all the blessings that AWANA offers. AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) comes from 2 Timothy 2:15, which states "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of Truth."

The AWANA program greatly benefits all children involved through the reading and memorization of God's Word, visitor friendly atmosphere, fun team building games, one on one time with class leaders, and a weekly lesson each child can apply to their life. Some of the best fruit from the AWANA program comes during the handbook time where the children recite their memory verses to their leaders. During this time the leaders have the opportunity to ask each child questions about the Bible verses and show them how the verses can benefit them in real life situations. This time also blesses the volunteers as it continually reminds them of how to apply the Bible to their own lives.

If we consider Awana as a tool box for the Kingdom of God, which tool are you? Are you the one God reaches for regularly and puts to work for sharing the Gospel? Have you been formed to fit your Master's hand well? Have you been sharpened lately by another one of His tools? Come join us in AWANA to be used by Him. Many Blessings.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Month

**for the month of September
is clothing & miscellaneous:**

Clothing: (For ages 2-4) T-shirts, flip flops, socks and underwear
Miscellaneous: coloring books, small water bottles, solar powered or battery operated flashlights (please include extra batteries)

Think you missed something going on at the church? Stop by the Information/Visitor Center or go to our website at

www.watsonchapelbaptist.org
and check out all the things you can sign up to participate in. Don't forget you can catch us live video streaming on Facebook!



James Haddon Fox
was born August 16, 2018
to loving parents
Bro. Garrett & Audrey Fox.
He weighed 7lbs 5.8oz
and was 20" long.
He is welcomed home by
big sister Eliana.



Thank you for your donations of Blue Jeans for Choir Tour and Capri Suns for the Children's Department.

We do not need any further donations at this time.
You are APPRECIATED!

